

Clear Creek Republican Women



January 2008 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



The holidays are behind us and the 2008 political year is here! As I reflect on the past year, I recall the good service our Club has given to the Republican Party. I know we will continue and become even more active in this election year!

I'm sure all of you can feel the excitement in the air and see Republicans on the move, both locally and nationally. We must unite and work to get voters registered and then to the polls. I am real excited to have Bonnie Wilson continue to serve as our Victory 2008 Chairman and Kathie Nenninger take up the reigns as our Campaign Activities Chairman. Both are very experienced with the election process and I know with their leadership we will become an even greater Republican Club.

I urge all members of CCRW to get involved with the campaign process this year and help get our Galveston County Republicans elected and the Republican candidate for President into the White House.

Our first meeting of the year will be back at Esteban's Fiesta Shack on January 11. Come here our speaker, Judge Lonnie Cox of the 56th District Court, and see first hand the kind of Republicans we elect! Invite a friend or neighbor to the meeting and help grow our Club.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting,

Diane Gillette, President

January 11th Program

The Honorable Lonnie Cox will be the speaker at the January 11th meeting of CCRW.



Prior to being elected to the 56th District Court, Lonnie worked in the DA's office from 1994 to 2005, where he was Chief Felony Prosecutor, Chief of Misdemeanor and tried over 50 cases.

In his earlier career, Cox performed as a professional musician with the Calgary Philharmonic, the Houston Symphony, Houston Grand Opera and the Houston Ballet.

He and his wife Alison live in Dickinson, and are proud parents of six and grandparents to four.

Please join us January 11th to learn more from Judge Lonnie Cox!

Barbara Meeks, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 1: Happy New Year!

Jan. 8: CCRW Board Meeting, 11:30am Calder Rd Annex in League City.

Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31: Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets each week at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.

Jan. 11: Clear Creek Republican Women meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.

Jan. 19: Galveston Republican Women, meets at 11:30am at Gaido's in Galveston.

Jan. 20: Republican Network, 7pm at Calder Rd. Annex.

Jan. 24: Friendswood Republican Women, 11:30am at Perry's Grille in Friendswood.

Jan. 25: Sandpiper Republican Women meets at Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road at 11:45am.

Jan. 26: Bay Area Republican Women, Social 11am, meeting at 11:30am, Tommy's, 2555 Bay Area Blvd, Houston.



December Minutes

President, Diane Gillette, called the December meeting of Clear Creek Republican Women to order at noon on December 7, 2007 at the Trube Castle in Galveston.



Chaplin, Bonnie Wilson gave a moving prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge led by the Honorable Larry Taylor.

Diane introduced the elected officials, candidates and visitors attending. She thanked everyone for attending our Christmas Social and Annual Membership drive.

The Honorable Kelly Williams sang a beautiful rendition of "Let there be Peace on Earth".

Diane introduced the Honorable Cheryl E. Johnson, Galveston County Tax Assessor/Collector. Cheryl gave the duties of each office as she swore in the officers of CCRW for the year 2008.

Officers for 2008 include: President, Diane Gillette; 1st Vice-President - Membership Bettie Moss; 2nd Vice President - Programs, Barbara Meeks; Recording Secretary, Kathie Nenninger; Corresponding Secretary, Norma Byous; and PAC Treasurer, Roxanna Lewis.

Each officer was presented a red rose.

Bettie Moss, 1st Vice President-Membership, said that due to a four-way tie for our yearlong membership challenge, a name from those four would be drawn to receive the prize of a night at the Kipp House Bed and Breakfast in Kemah. Diane Gillette's name was drawn.

Diane thanked the special Christmas meeting committee and then recognized the 2007 board members for their various duties with a lovely star pin to signify that they were the stars of the club.

Diane introduced Vickie Jackson, wife of Senator Mike Jackson, District 11. Vickie introduced Kathie Nenninger, recipient of TFRW's Top 10 Award and surprised her by reading a Senate Proclamation in her honor and presented her with a Texas Flag with certificate.

Kathie Nenninger presented President Diane Gillette with a present from the club members to show their appreciation for the wonderful job that she has done as our President for the past year.

The Honorable Kelly Williams led everyone in a couple of Christmas songs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kathie Nenninger, Recording Secretary

Treasury Report

Current Balances:

PAC Treasury	\$ 3,310.69
Total on Hand	\$ 3,310.69



Membership Report

CCRW President Diane Gillette and her husband John will be the ones to enjoy the 2007 Membership Contest Prize of the weekend at the John Kipp House Bed & Breakfast in Kemah. The drawing was held at our Christmas Party in Galveston, and Diane won! She so deserves to win because of all the hard work she has done for our club in the past year. Three others in the drawing were Norma Byous, Berniece Linck, and Kathie Nenninger. We appreciate all four of them for their efforts in adding full members to our organization in 2007.

We will begin a new contest in 2008, and I am very happy to announce that we will offer a weekend at the Kipp House as the prize. Thanks once again to Kelly Williams! It will be fun to hear from Diane after her weekend getaway in the coming weeks. In this New Year we will have more conservative women wanting to join our club in order to help keep a Republican in the White House, and to continue building up our Republican presence in local and state governments. We all need to be on the lookout for those people to bring into our wonderful CCRW group.

Happy New Year to each of you!

Bettie Moss, VP Membership

CCRW Birthdays

January 11 Jeannie Plass
 12 Norma Byous
 13 Kevin Walsh
 15 Catharin Lewis
 15 Joanna Sharp



Member Care

A Congratulations Card was mailed to each of our December Birthday Ladies.

As before, if you know of someone who needs a word of encouragement, and you feel that a "thinking of you" card would bring comfort or a smile, please let me know .

My phone number is 281-332-4681, and the e-mail address is nbbyous@verizon.net.

Norma Byous, Corresponding Secretary



If we missed your special day, please make sure we have your special date on file!

Barbara Meeks, Editor

With Sincere Thanks.....

To My Dear Friends at Clear Creek RW, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for nominating me for the prestigious TFRW Top 10 Award. You absolutely had more faith in me than I did in myself.

Having written the award for several other nominees, I knew what outstanding women had been previously nominated for the award. A special thank you to Carole Ragland who arduously completed the award forms.

Needless to say, I was totally overwhelmed when my name was announced at the convention in El Paso. I was so honored to represent Clear Creek RW. This award is shared with all of you because without our unique camaraderie, I wouldn't have been able to accomplish any of this alone.

May we continue with the spirit of our club to support and elect our Republican candidates. That sleeping elephant in Galveston County has been awakened!

Sincerely with gratitude,
Kathie

Greater Houston Council News

The Greater Houston Council of the Federation of Republican Women will hold their 45th Anniversary Celebration and Victory '08 Kick-Off Luncheon this month.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 31st at 10 am at Intercontinental Houston Hotel, located at 2222 West Loop between San Felipe and Westheimer in Houston.

Additional information will be made available at the January 11th CCRW meeting. Let's show our support and strength and have a nice showing of CCRW.



CCRW Officers

President.....Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
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 Corresponding Secretary.....Norma Byous 281-332-4681

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Special Committees

ICM Tree.....Sylvia Jackson 281-332-7777
 Victory 2008.....Bonnie Wilson 281-332-8039

If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please contact the respective chairwoman.



Honoree Kathie Nenninger holding her Top Ten Award, presented by Susan Combs (center) Texas Comptroller, and 'Borah Von Dormolen, (left) President of Texas Federation of Republican Women.



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“The most practical kind of politics is the politics of decency.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

Legislative Information

From our State Rep. Larry Taylor:

“I applaud Speaker Tom Craddick on the inclusion of illegal immigration in the Interim Charges that the House of Representatives will study.

“The interim charge is timely and imperative. According to the Center for Immigration Studies, a new report issued today estimates the number of illegal aliens in Texas is over 1.75 million (based on March census figures). This is putting a strain on social services and the criminal justice system.

“Furthermore, it is clear the people of Texas want action on this important challenge. It is with good cause that Texans rank illegal immigration among the top issues they want the state legislature to address. While the federal government continues to shirk its duty, the fiscal and social costs of illegal immigration weigh heavily on Texans.

“When the 81st Texas Legislature convenes, taking proactive steps against illegal immigration - as Oklahoma, Colorado, Georgia, and Arizona have done - will be a top priority for me. I am a proud member of the Texas Conservative Coalition, the conservative caucus of the State Legislature, which is working diligently to formulate public policy proposals to protect taxpayers and to safeguard Texans against crimes committed by illegal aliens.

“I greatly appreciate Speaker Craddick’s commitment to having an open and honest dialogue on illegal immigration, one of the most pressing issues facing the State of Texas.”

Rep. Taylor is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, House Insurance Committee and House Calendars Committee. He represents District 24 in Galveston County and is serving his third term in the Texas House of Representatives as a member of the 80th Legislature.

Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County, Texas
2008 Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP + 4 _____ Precinct _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

Birthday month/day _____

_____ Full Member \$25.00

_____ Associate Member \$10.00

_____ Member of another Club? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, name of Club _____

Date Paid _____ **Check number/cash** _____

I would like to help with the following committees:

___ Awards	___ Audit	___ By Laws	___ Campaigns	___ Fundraising
___ Community Service	___ Historian	___ Hospitality	___ Legislation	
___ Newsletter	___ Publicity	___ Telephone	___ Ways and Means	

How did you learn about CCRW? _____

Prior political affiliations _____

Areas of interest: _____

Mail to: Roxanna Lewis, 2010 Island Manor Lane, League City, Texas 77573
Or, bring the completed form to a CCRW meeting, held August through May.